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1. AFTER READING REPORTS SENT WITH REF. A, POST HAS NOT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO MAKE ABOUT EITHER PROJECT EXCEPT TO STRESS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FISHERIES PROJECT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING ARGENTINA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION. THIS WOULD RESULT BECAUSE ARGENTINA HAS GREAT FISHERY RESOURCES WHICH COULD BE EXPORTED BECAUSE DOMESTIC PROTEIN CONSUMPTION IS HEAVILY ORIENTED TO BEEF.

2. REGARDING COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR US SUPPLIERS OF BOTH TECHNICAL SERVICES AND/OR COMMODITIES NEEDED TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS, THE FISHERIES PROJECT PRESENTS PARTICULARLY GOOD PROSPECTS. IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE PROJECT'S OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP THE FISHING INDUSTRY, ARGENTINA WILL HAVE TO BUY MARINE ENGINES, ELECTRONIC
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FISH-FINDING EQUIPMENT, NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL PUMPS, FISHING GEAR USED TO HAUL IN FISH SUCH AS POWER BLOCS, REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT TO STORE FISH ON BOARD THE SHIPS, AND FISH PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH BETWEEN $5 AND $8 MILLION. COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER ARE MORE

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LIMITED; HOWEVER, SOME LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND
TECHNICAL SERVICES PROBABLY WILL BE NEEDED. ALSO,
BECAUSE THE RESEARCH DONE AT THE CENTER WOULD FOCUS ON WAYS TO
IMPROVE PRODUCTION PROCESSES FOR PETROCHEMICALS AND PULP AND
PAPER, AS WELL AS FOOD PROCESSING TECHNIQUES, THIS WOULD
LEAD TO FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO SELL EQUIPMENT IN
THESE AREAS.
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